

Urban District of Lakes



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer

— of Health —

For the Year 1943.



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*To the Chairman and Members
of the Urban District Council of Lakes.*

Sir, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health of the Urban District during the year 1943. The Report follows the lines of those presented during the past few years.

I am indebted to the help I have received from the School Medical Officers of the County in carrying out immunisation against Diphtheria, and tender to them my thanks.

Should you desire any further particulars I shall be glad to supply the same on your request.

I have the honour to be,

Sir, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. BARON COCKILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

13th May, 1944.

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Year Ending December 31st, 1943.

EXTRACTS FROM
VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	10.7
„ „ „ England and Wales	16.5
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births ...	25.3
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	13.5
„ „ „ England and Wales	12.1

Deaths from Puerperal Causes :—

	Deaths
Puerperal Sepsis	Nil.
Other Puerperal Causes	Nil.
Total	Nil.
Maternal Mortality Rate, England and Wales ...	1.45

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	39
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	14
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	...	...	500
Infantile Death Rate, England and Wales	...	...	49
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	Nil.
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	Nil.
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	1
„ „ Cancer (all ages)	...	...	20

The largest number of Deaths from any one cause were :—

Heart Disease	...	...	23
Cancer	...	...	20
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions	...	...	11

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water.

All Public Supplies under the control of the Council were maintained in a satisfactory and efficient condition; no new work was carried out; the supplies were abundant. Complaints were received regarding a shortage and discolouration at the Patterdale School; the necessary repairs have been completed, and the supply is most satisfactory.

Buildings, Sewerage and Public Health.

There has been no extension of building operations or sewers. Public Cleansing has been difficult in certain parts of the district, owing to difficulties with contractors. In certain instances where no contractor could be obtained, the Council has had to hire vehicles and remove house refuse with their existing staff.

Overcrowding has not been a difficulty. The number of evacuees has steadily decreased. Bug infestations have been very few, but have all been satisfactorily cleared up.

Hostels.

There is a Day and Residential Nursery at Quarry Garth and a hostel for Women's Land Army (Timber Corps) at The Hollens, Grasmere. The Sick Bay established at Ibbotsholme was closed in July.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk.

Almost all the milk produced in the area is retailed within the district, nothing but temporary shortages have been observed.

Of the 17 milk samples tested at the laboratory, 9 satisfied both B.Coli and Methylene Blue Tests, 3 satisfied only one of the tests and 5 failed both tests. In the latter cases, one producer has been removed from the register, another is having the cowshed remodelled, and in other cases repeat samples have shown improved results.

Meat.

This has been supplied from the Central Slaughter House at Kendal.

ADULTERATION, ETC., AND CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD.

The County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority and this work is carried out by Mr. C. J. H. Stock, B.Sc., F.I.C., County Analyst, Darlington.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases other than Measles and Whooping Cough were not prevalent, and consisted of four cases of Scarlet Fever and fifteen of Pneumonia, three of these later terminating fatally. There were 149 cases of Measles and 57 of Whooping Cough and a certain amount of not very serious Influenza.

Modern Isolation Hospital accommodations is still lacking.

Artificial Immunization against Diphtheria has been continued, and A.P.T. is the prophylactic which has been used; 57 children under five and 11 children of school age have been immunized.

The School Medical Officer states that a fairly high standard of nutrition has been maintained, and that it is seldom a verminous child is seen, and the high standard of cleanliness which existed before the reception of evacuees has returned.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES TABLE

DISEASE	Total	AGES											Admitted to Hospital	Deaths	
		—1	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10	15—	20—	35—	45—			65—
Scarlet Fever	4	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
Pneumonia	15	1	—	1	1	1	3	1	2	—	1	2	2	—	3
Measles	149	2	8	5	16	12	76	23	6	—	—	1	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	57	4	7	6	3	8	25	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	225	7	15	12	20	22	106	25	9	1	2	4	2	3	3

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
35	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	2	3	1	—	—	—	1	—

Five Pulmonary cases were notified, three of which had contracted the disease elsewhere but came to reside in the area. There was also one Non Pulmonary case which came from an outside area.

